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DEPOSITS.		
31st December, 1843	£807,934
1844	1,028,677
<i>Increase, being 27½ per cent.</i>		220,743
TOTAL LIABILITIES.		
31st December, 1843	.....	£1,005,254
1844	.....	1,260,197
<i>Increase, being 25½ per cent.</i>		255,243
COIN.		
31st December, 1843	.....	£417,140
1844	.....	518,824
<i>Increase, being 24½ per cent.</i>		101,684
DISCOUNTS.		
31st December, 1843	.....	£1,919,066
1844	.....	1,583,137
<i>Decrease, being 17½ per cent.</i>		335,929
TOTAL ASSETS.		
31st December, 1843	.....	£2,393,750
1844	.....	2,145,922
<i>Decrease, being 10½ per cent.</i>		247,828

Although the amount of Bank notes in circulation shows a decrease on the year of £337, it had increased during the last quarter. The amount on the 30th September having been £141,808, and on the 31st December £148,719, the increase on the quarter was £6,911, or nearly 5 per cent.

The bills in circulation on the 30th September amounted to £54,182, so that the increase on the quarter in this item was £27,862, or about 51½ per cent. The increase on the quarter is shown above to have been upwards of £33,800, or full 70 per cent. These bills being principally drawn against colonial produce, the great increase in their amount speaks well for the activity of our export trade.

The increase of deposits is also very considerable, having been upwards of £220,700 in the year, or more than 27 per cent.; and £80,336 in the quarter, or about 8½ per cent.

The increase of coin in the year was upwards of £100,000, or nearly a fourth; in the quarter it was £78,500, or nearly 18 per cent.

The bills under discount continued to decrease steadily throughout the year. In the first quarter they fell off in round numbers by £109,900; in the second quarter by a still further sum of nearly £122,700; in the third by a further sum of £46,000; in the fourth by a further sum of £57,300; and in the whole year by upwards of £335,900, or 17½ per cent.

The returns of each Bank separately, for the 31st December, 1843 and 1844 respectively, appear as follows:—

NOTES IN CIRCULATION.		
N. S. Wales—1843	.....	£22,880
1844	.....	20,330
<i>Decrease, being 11 per cent.</i>		2,550
Commercial—1843	.....	£37,641
1844	.....	33,947
<i>Decrease, being 9½ per cent.</i>		3,694
Australasia—1843	.....	£54,479
1844	.....	55,108
<i>Increase</i>		776
Union—1843	.....	£34,063
1844	.....	39,333
<i>Decrease, being 15½ per cent.</i>		5,270
BILLS IN CIRCULATION.		
Commercial—1843	.....	£81
1844	.....	2,420
<i>Increase, being 3238 per cent!!</i>		27,569
Australasia—1843	.....	£31,212
1844	.....	30,209
<i>Decrease, being 3½ per cent.</i>		1,003
Union—1843	.....	£16,161
1844	.....	23,416
<i>Increase, being nearly 45 per ct.</i>		£7,255

In the business of exchanges, the Commercial Bank has taken a truly prodigious leap, having within the twelvemonth sprung from £850 to £28,420! whilst the Bank of Australasia, strange to say, has gone backward by £1000.

DEPOSITS.		
N. S. Wales—1843	.....	£142,640
1844	.....	175,117
<i>Increase, being 22½ per cent.</i>		32,477
Commercial—1843	.....	£118,270
1844	.....	165,554
<i>Increase, being nearly 40 per ct.</i>		47,284
Australasia—1843	.....	£361,456
1844	.....	401,147
<i>Increase, being nearly 11 per cent.</i>		39,691
Union—1843	.....	£185,568
1844	.....	286,859
<i>Increase, being 54½ per cent.</i>		101,291
COIN.		
N. S. Wales—1843	.....	£69,874
1844	.....	112,312
<i>Increase, being 60½ per cent.</i>		42,438
Commercial—1843	.....	£72,963
1844	.....	136,101
<i>Increase, being 86½ per cent.</i>		63,148
Australasia—1843	.....	£428,351
1844	.....	124,767
<i>Decrease, being 2½ per cent.</i>		3,589
Union—1843	.....	£145,950
1844	.....	145,645
<i>Decrease</i>		310

It thus appears that whilst in the two colonial Banks the coin had *increased* during the year by £105,580, in the two English Banks it had *decreased* by £3,900. How is this to be accounted

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After all, however, the question must be decided, by reference to our own local Act and Rules. By the statute 9 Geo. IV. c. 83, s. 10, this Court is constituted of a Court of Equity, as the Lord Chancellor exercises of jurisdiction in England. But, by the 4 Viet. No. 22, s. 20, one of the Judges of this Court may be appointed to exercise the jurisdiction of a Court of Equity, *in the cases of the other Judges*, all causes and matters depending in equity, and coming on to be heard at Sydney; and it is declared, that the decree or order of such Judge, unless appealed from, shall be as valid, as if pronounced by the full Court. And, then, by s. 21, it is provided that it shall be lawful for any person, feeling aggrieved by any such Decree or Order, at any time within fourteen days after the pronouncing of the same, to enter an appeal in the office of the Court, against such Decree or Order, to the other two Judges. By the 6 Viet. No. 9, s. 13, such appeal is to be preferred to the other two Judges, *and not to the three Judges conjointly*; but the former provision remains untouched—except that by s. 12, provision is made for the absence, or illness, of the Judge presiding in Equity; and that, in such case, the other Judges may sit alone, in like manner.

By these enactments, then, an appeal from any Decree or Order must be entered, within fourteen days after the pronouncing or making of the decree or order, *in the case of the other Judges* (which is the same thing as *in singulis*), after the pronouncing of the Decree or the making of the Order. When, then, it appears, as a Decree pronounced. Simply, as it appears, as the Judgment of a single Judge, then (which is the same thing) is pronounced. Where there is no necessity, and no reason in the nature of the thing, to require another construction, a Court is not justified in giving to the words of a statute, beyond their natural meaning. The particular decision is enunciated, in the Decree as pronounced; and there would seem no adequate ground, therefore, for holding that the failing party is not to be allowed to appeal to the other two Judges, the heads of that decision reduced to writing, prior to the more formal record. They are nothing more. But, without them, they are not a record, and the party is not to be serving the order for its hearing, until the record shall have been completed. Even if there were inconvenience in this course, which we do not at present admit, yet, to the contrary of our opinion, the one prescribed by the legislature.

The Rules of 14th January, 1841, passed, in pursuance of the Act of 4 Victoria, c. 26, s. 2, are, in this opinion, the best evidence of the intention of the Legislature, as showing the impression of the Judges who framed them, of the intent and meaning of the provision on which they were founded. By these rules, s. 2, it is provided, that, after the pronouncing of a Decree or Order, within seven days after the making or pronouncing of the decree or order, of the intention to appeal; the appeal itself is to be entered within the time limited by the Act, and the party appealing is to deposit, with the Judge, a copy of the decree or order appealed from. This shows, that the actual drafting of such decree or order, prior to the appeal, was not then thought necessary. By these rules, s. 2, it is also provided, that, at another point of view. This Court has the power of regulating its own practice; and that which prevails in England is no further or otherwise in force in this Court, than the Judges may choose to adopt it. Now, the rules relied on by the respondents, supposing them to be contended for, are after all nothing more than rules of practice. If in any respect, therefore, inconsistent with the intention of the Legislature, in the use of the words *where practicable*, in the rule cited, is a proof, that the passing or completion of a decree, prior to appealing, is not in this Court required; and the impracticability of doing so, is a sufficient excuse, then the rule is manifest—since it appears, by the very objection taken, that it does not as yet exist, in form to admit of a copy being taken. Lastly, the practice in this Court has (with one exception) been to allow the party appealing to have the decision. In all the cases, indeed, with that exception, the appeal was set down and heard, before decree perfected. But the point now raised, was not taken.

We think nothing of the objection, that this appeal is made by counsel. It is signed in the usual manner; the only one in which it could be usefully or effectually be so; by the signatures being attached to the certificate at its foot.

We are not called on to determine, on this occasion, the question incidentally raised, whether an appeal is in the strict sense to be considered as an appeal in the sacred sense of the word, or as a mere rehearing. There are circumstances, however, which appear to support an opinion, in favour of the latter. The term "appeal" is equally used, where the Lord Chancellor is directed to sign the decrees and orders made at the Rolls, or before the Vice-Chancellor. But it is regarded as a "rehearing" only; because the Court is the same. Now here, though the parties have the right to choose the Judge, to sign the decrees and orders made by him, the Court is one and the same. There is no new Court created, nor is the one Court divided. Neither (as in 57 G. III. c. 18, giving jurisdiction to the Court of Exchequer, &c.) is there any provision, vesting the entire Equity jurisdiction of the Court in the one Judge. That jurisdiction remains, it would seem, where the statute placed it. The presiding or primary authority is the Court, and the Judge, sitting without the "assistance" of the other Judges. But so, if he be absent, has each of the other Judges; without special appointment. The decrees of the single Judge, however, have no force, until they are signed by the Lord Chancellor, and, apparently, as to admit of the inference that he acts as representing the Court. His decrees are to be as valid, as if pronounced by the Court, or by the majority of the Court. On this point, however, we do not pronounce any opinion at present.

The order obtained in this cause, for setting the appeal down for hearing, must be discharged; but, as the appellant has been misled by the error, of the order made with regard to costs—which are reserved.

MATTHEWS v. M'PHEE.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE delivered judgment in this case as follows:—

This was a motion to set aside an award. The reference was made at the trial, upon the issue, whether the plaintiff was entitled to the award; the costs of the cause to abide the event. But the reference was not only of the cause, but of all matters in dispute, that particular persons had in dispute, and intended to be referred to be taken into account in the following terms:—"Matthews v. M'Phee. After a careful investigation of the particular *relating to the above case*, I find to be the result of the evidence, that the plaintiff is entitled to the award which is accordingly directed to be paid." There was no recital in this paper; and nothing beyond the names at the commencement, to show its connexion with the reference, or the authority of the arbitrator. The parties were taken to the award, of which we need notice two only; either of which, if sustained, will be fatal. First, that the arbitrator appears to have decided a *portion* merely, of the matter referred to him, as to wit, those relating to the cause; and if so, that the award is partial and incomplete. Secondly, however, that if he taken to have decided all the matters referred, then the award is complete, and the question of costs is left undecided—since they were to abide the event, not of the reference generally, but the result of the arbitration.

There are two grounds, on which the award is bad, on those grounds. Two distinct heads of difference are referred; the cause, and all other matters in dispute between the parties. The arbitrator, for matters referred, has decided on all, and consequently, the question of costs is left undecided—since they were to abide the event, not of the reference generally, but the result of the arbitration.

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DECISION.—On the face of the award, that the arbitrator had heard the parties touching the matters referred to him. Therefore it was inferred that he had done so. The principle appears in the case of the Croydon Canal Company, 9 Ad. and El., 522. The award was collected to be on all the matters in difference, by comparing notes; and the arbitrators were directed to award. Dunn v. Warlick, 1 Dowl. N. S., 627, is supported of the same principle. But in this case, there is no recital as to the matters referred. It is confined to the receipt of the award. And therefore there might be another made, as to the general matters.

If, however, the award is to be considered as the plaintiff contends it should be, a decision on off the matter submitted to arbitration cannot taken must prevail. For since there is nothing to show the contrary, the money found due to the plaintiff may be the result of matters other than actual debt or account; and such payment would not be paid, if they are now left to be, by the defendant. On this point see Martin v. Burge, 4 Ad. and El. 973; Bourke v. Lloyd, 2 Dowl. N. S. 452, and Pearson v. Lloyd, 2 Dowl. N. S. 452.

The third point taken, was met by the affidavits of the arbitrator and others; and the same evidence was relied on, in answer to the other points. But we are of opinion that the evidence given, and that extrinsic testimony cannot overcome the objections. It must therefore set aside.

THE BANK OF AUSTRALASIA, &c., WITH ANNOTATIONS BY A. H. NORTH.

This was a motion for a nonsuit, a verdict for the defendant, or a new trial. The Judge's report having been given on Tuesday last, the Court adjourned till Wednesday morning. Messrs. Foster, Winfielder, and Darwin appeared in support of the motion, which was opposed by the Solicitor-General, and Mr. Broadhurst, but the Court was occupied up to twelve o'clock before the judgment was delivered. First-named gentlemen, the latter of whom had not terminated his arguments when the Court rose.

The further argument of this case was postponed until to-day, to be taken after the hearing of the demurrers.

Court adjourned till ten o'clock this morning.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY.
BEFORE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.
PROBATE OF NAME.

In the estate of George Marshall, a special meeting of the Flour Company, £28 s. 1d.; John B. Scott, £12; Thomas Brown, £11; John Barclay, £10; James Macfarlane, £5; Estate of William Tinker and Co. £37 9s. 3d.

MEETING FOR TO-DAY.

John Marshall, deceased, a special meeting, at half-past ten o'clock.

J. J. McCallum, a special meeting, at eleven.

John Hosking, an adjourned special meeting, at half past eleven.

William Heugh, a second meeting, at two.

MEETINGS FOR TO-MORROW.

John Grant, a special meeting, at half-past ten.

Welch and Eldridge, a special meeting, at eleven.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE.

In the matter of Joseph Taylor no opposition was offered, but not having complied with the Act, by omitting to advertise the postponement of his application from the 1st of January till this day, the CHIEF COMMISSIONER declined to entertain the application till the Act was complied with; the application must therefore be renewed.

M^r. MICHEL, on behalf of Robert Ramsay Mackenzie, applied upon an affidavit of the usual notices having been filed, that a certificate of discharge should be granted to the insolvent.

M^r. ROBERTS, on behalf of M^r. Cory, a creditor, and the elected assignee, appeared to oppose the application, on various objections which were specified in the notice; but as the evidence returned on cross-examination could not M^r. Rogers confined his opposition to the grounds of the insolvent not having kept reasonable accounts or entries of his receipts or payments. He contended that although the return on cross-examination to have bought and sold cattle from time to time, and he had not produced any books showing the nature and extent of these transactions.

M^r. ROBERTS, on the other hand, the objections taken to M^r. Mackenzie's certificate issuing, must be overruled on two grounds; first, that a settler was not a person engaged in trade within the meaning of the Act; and second, that the goods brought under the clause, "and what else," could be brought within the words of the clause, "the accounts and entries of M^r. Mackenzie being reasonable and sufficient, having reference to the nature of his business." Inasmuch as the goods were admitted that as a farmer was not a trader within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Acts in England, even to enable him to be made a bankrupt, a settler in this country who merely grazes his land, and keeps his stock on a farm at home, could not be strained into a trader to deprive him of his certificate. If, however, he could be so considered, it had not been shown that his "accounts and entries" were not true and correct. His whole book of account and papers he had had, were in the possession of the official assignee, M^r. Walker, of the Bank of Australia.

M^r. ROBERTS cited a work on Bankruptcy, to shew that a grazier or farmer in England was not a trader, yet if he bought and sold horses not calculated for the purposes of his farm, he could be made a bankrupt.

The CHIEF COMMISSIONER decided, without referring to the question as to whether the insolvent was a trader within the meaning of the Act, that the objection could not prevail, as the insolvent's accounts and entries did not appear to be fraudulent, and that whatever he had certified otherwise, and had stated that the insolvent had furnished every information and assistance to the assignees respecting the estate. The certificate must therefore be granted.

POST OFFICE PACKETS.—It has long been a matter of great difficulty, on the arrival of the above packets, to obtain newspapers; the only reason for which delay, we are informed, had been want of room. Now that the required space has been obtained, our readers will find the November packet ready, to see something like despatch in the delivery, as the entire premium will now be devoted to the duties of the Post Office.

HYPOTHECARY DEEDS.—The Honorable Commissioners at the adjourned meeting of the shareholders for the re-consideration of the Hypothecary and half-yearly accounts, as well as the important subjects yet under discussion, will take place at five o'clock on Monday next. The public should be alerted, if possible, on some occasions, however flourishing may be the prospects of the Company.

COMMUTALS.—Thomas Sheridan, free by servitude, was committed to take his trial for stealing three coats, one pair of trousers, and a watch, from Lower George-street, on Monday afternoon. Samuel Ellis, free by servitude, was also committed to take his trial for stealing a pair of trousers, a pair of spectacles, and some articles of clothing, from the residence of Joseph Ward, late constable in the Sydney Police Force. Ward had employed the prisoner to assist him in removing his furniture to another house after the property had been moved, and he had been seen entering the premises in another apartment for a short time, and on his returning missing the trousers, the prisoner denied all knowledge of them; a constable was sent forth and the property in question found gone. The prisoner was released, as he had previously only had access from the time the trousers were seen on the table till the time when they were missed. Charles Dunn, ginger beer manufacturer, was yesterday brought before the Chief Commissioner for stealing property in his possession. The property in question consisted of a tweed coat, value 30s., which had been stolen about a month ago from the shop docketed by the name of Dunn, situated between George and George streets. Dunn afterwards sold it to a publican, named Smith, residing on the Liverpool road, for 20s., who happened to come to Sydney, wearing the coat in question, when he was seized by a constable. A bench warrant was obtained a Bench warrant, which was presented to Smith's house. On being asked for the coat, Smith immediately gave it up, but was taken into custody on suspicion that he could give information as to this he refused to do, stating that he had bought it from Dunn having made affidavit of this statement, a bench

LARD OIL.—The immense quantity of lard which comes from Ohio, in addition to what is made in almost every state of the Union in which hogs are raised, has been the subject of some of our writers. The objects of destruction used to which lard may be profitably converted. The first idea was to manufacture oil for lamps; but from some defect in melting and clarifying it, or from its being adulterated by some other branch of the speculation has not as yet been entirely profitable. But lard oil of late has been made quite profitable by being manufactured into sweet oil, which is done by a process called "striking." It is now sold for the purpose of giving to it a proper colour, and in a measure diminishing the strong lard flavour. Large quantities of lard fat and lard oil have been recently shipped to England in Castle soap, instead of olive oil, formerly used; but as there is a debenture on this article, the French government, with a view of preventing the exportation of such goods, has refused to allow which may result either in raising the duty on lard and lard oil, or repelling the debenture on shipment of Castle soap.—*American paper.*

LAW AND LAWYERS.—We are puzzled to know what professional rank is assigned to our countrymen who practise at the English law. Masters in Chancery are sometimes placed on some orders of precedence, even before Viscounts' younger sons. But Sir William Blackstone seems not to have admitted them as lawyers. In the reign of George IV. when they are introduced, however, they clearly stand above Sergeants-at-Law, though the latter certainly a distinction of great legal eminence. At Cambridge (as Mr. Milford is aware), where the law is taught, the title of Master is always struck out of Mr. Master's own title, always struck out of us, (we beg his pardon,) as very absurdly to do, there seems to be something too familiar to receive such a ruling. Now, if we were to say, yes, do, Master? Glad to see you, Master? seems by no means so polite as, How do ye do, Mr. Chief Clerk; the pleasure of a glass of wine, Mr. Chief. It is in the Masters' office that the business of the Court is transacted. Of Equity have become proverbial, are chiefly engendered. How far the remark may be applicable to our own Court of Equity, we cannot pretend to say; but of the quick despatch of business, it is true, we have had much testimony of undoubted authority. If the newspapers have reported matters correctly the Court has risen more than once, at twelve o'clock, without having cleared the papers. We are afraid, however, that before judgment—should have said—that the judges would add—that our Judges in Equity, and Mr. Chief Clerk, are not in a situation, from their long residence abroad, to be able to make the remark which fell from a most learned Lord Chancellor, not many years ago on an application made to him to hear exceptions to the Master's Report, "with convenient delay,"—"I am sorry to hear that,"—"and I mean after all the other cases which claim consideration are disposed of." From the well known sagacity of the Chief Judge in Equity and his capable brethren we may safely infer that they will further amend, when he said that we have known an instance where money was ordered to be paid into Court forthwith, and that *meant, in fact*, at the end of nineteen days. It is not probable that the Court, *ex dictum*, will not be drawn into an improper precedent by their Honors. As we have got ourselves into Chancery, it is no easy matter to retire; and we would take leave to ask whether it is not better to let the present substitution of the title of *solicitor* for that of attorney. The attorney, since his admission into the Courts of Equity, seems to have repudiated his ancient title. There are no attorneys in Equity, and it is well to remind the Attorney of his origin, in the words of a well-known text writer:—"In the time of our Saxon ancestors, the freemen in every shire elected a wise man, Lordship, or alderman, the shire Reeve, or Sheriff; and this meeting was called the Sheriff's Tournay. By decree the freemen declined giving their personal attendance; and a freeman who did not appear was fined. His name, however, one of his friends as could not appear. He was actually sent to the Sheriff's Tournay, was said according to the old Saxon, to go to the Tournay—and hence came the word Attorney, and so the solicitor as the precedence of the Attorney over the Solicitor-General clearly shows us. Mr. Crabbe, in his poem of the Borough, reminds his readers of the degradation of the attorney, thus:

Then let my numbers flow discreetly on,
Warn'd by the fate of luckless Coddington,
Lest some Attorney (spooning me the same)
Should turn my verses into a madrigal."

The explanation we apprehend to be this: Attorneys in general have resolved to act more upon the principles of equity than of law, and to deal less with technicalities, and more with dealings with mankind, that the public, under a laudable defence, confer upon them unreasonably the title of solicitors. If our professional brethren shall continue to act upon these principles, they will soon find themselves abandoning the more ancient designation, let them be solicitors by all means; but not otherwise. However, to those in the secret, law and equity are not such very different things, and the public, who are ignorant of the difference, the whole, equity is the best, if it were but the name of the thing.—*Southern Queens.*

A £50 NOTE RECOVERED.—Information being given to Sergeant Addison, of the Police, that a young man named Moses, of Bridge-street, had offered a £50 note for sale. Addison took him into custody, when the prisoner at first denied all knowledge of the subject; but about half-past seven yesterday afternoon, he confessed the passage between the Market Sheds, George-street, where the note was discovered and taken possession of. The prisoner says Mrs. Moses gave it to him by mistake for a £1 note of ten years ago, bearing date 1816. On Monday morning, at eleven o'clock, the charge by Mr. Marks, dealer of Erskine-street, for stealing three paravols value 30s. After she was lodged in the watch-house, her house was searched and the parcel found in it.

THE TRIAL OF MRS. MOSES.—About eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon, Inspector Pearce, and some of the constables of the Sydney Police, apprehended three boys named Whittaker, Gray and Davis, aged respectively, thirteen, eleven, and ten years, charged with robbing a woman of George-street, enjoying themselves at a game of cards on one of the tablets under the lee of the Druid-street wall, opposite the Police office. The trio were so intent on their game, that they did not observe the approach of one of the latter put in his hand to seize the stakes and cards. They were all lodged in the cells, and will be brought before the Mayor to-day. If the Police were occasionally to look out for idle fellows, like Whittaker, Gray, and Davis, of Bridge-street, it is probable they would find a batch of older gumbler in full play, as there is one of their daily haunts; one day last week about a dozen suspicious-looking fellows were seen loafing round the south pitch and toss. The north end of the Market Wharf is another favourite resort of the same class.

INQUEST.—Yesterday afternoon, a Coroner's enquiry took place in Mellor's Chippendale Hotel, in relation to the death of a young boy named Moon, an infant, when the following evidence was given:—William Moon, baker, and father of the deceased, deposed she was nine weeks old; she was put to bed about eleven o'clock on Tuesday forenoon, and was not seen till about three in the afternoon witness went to the bed and found she had worked herself under the bed clothes, and had perspired freely as to wet the clothes over her; coming worse, Dr. Cates was sent for, and sat her, at ten o'clock at night; she died at half past nine on Wednesday morning. Mr. John Cates, surgeon, had seen the child, and deposed that he had seen her then labouring under extreme difficulty of breathing, and in a state of great exhaustion; witness prescribed pro-medicine for her cough; in his opinion death was caused by inflammation of the lungs, the lung the circulation having been impeded. The Jury returned a verdict of death in consequence of accidental suffocation.

THE BALLOON.—The inclemency of the weather, the fallow, having part of the foundation of the balloon from the wharf of Robert Campbell, Esq., of George-street, as notified on a former occasion, it is the intention, we are glad to hear, that the Messrs. Pearce and Shipway, under whose direction the ascent is to take place, that weather permitting the balloon shall ascend from Mr. Campbell's premises on Monday afternoon next, at five o'clock, and that the probability of the weather proving unfavourable at that time, the ascent will be delayed until the following, or first fine day, at a similar hour. A gun will be fired on the adjoining wharf at the moment of the ascent. It is to be expected that the Mayor and Aldermen, Messrs. Pearce and Shipway, and the Domain, Dawes Point, and the more elevated parts of the City, will afford the public the best opportunity of witnessing the ascent to advantage.

PORT JACKSON.—The entrance to Port Jackson is grand in the extreme. The high dark cliffs have been coasting along all morning, suddenly terminate in an abrupt precipice, called the "Cliff of the Sun," and the sea is bounded by the North Head, the "Cliff of the Sun," and the signal station. The North Head is a similar cliff, a bare bluff promontory of dark horizontal rocks; and between these grand cliffs, a narrow strait, as through a colossal gate, we entered Port Jackson, the sea being calm, the inlets of this noble estuary render it extremely beautiful; every minute, as we sailed on, a fresh vista opened on the view, such as a small island, a rocky point, a bay, a cove, a bay, a strait, growing thickly amid the rocks, down to the water's edge, added infinitely to the effect, especially as they were really green, a thing I had not dared to expect; but it was a reality, and the effect was the more striking and verdant. Here and there, on some fine lava promontory or rocky mound, white villas and handsome cottages appeared, encircled with garlands and shrubberies, looking like the pretty cottages of a Swiss valley, and the water was a watering-place; and perched amid picturesque but less cultivated scenery, were the cottages of pilots, fishermen, &c., making, to my occasional eye, a singular contrast with the view of the North Head in the quarantine ground, of which one unlucky vessel was moored when we passed; and on the brow of the cliff a few tombstones indicate the burial-place of those unhappy exiles who are sent to this place, giving them the golden dreams of the far-souled land of promise lead but to a lone and desolate grave on the storm-beaten shore. The pure white silvery cliffs which form the beach in several of these picturesque coves, give them the look of a bright appearance: it is much valued, I believe, by glass-makers at home, and often taken as ships' ballast, for that purpose. As we neared the Cliff of the Sun, the view was more and more rising like ruined fort and castle, and was adorned with verdant shrubs down to the edge of the bright, clear, deep blue water, that reflected them so perfectly, one could scarcely tell the difference between the water and the land. There is named Shark Island: another larger one, Garden Island; and a little one, bearing the unmeaning and not very refined name of "Penguin." The remarkable closeness of the distant houses, other objects, everything, however remote, seeming to have such a clean, distinct outline, so different to the diffused effect of the English coast, giving them the appearance of a picture, so well as our softer sea in a rounded perspective, but in a new place, where one likes to see everything plainly, it is very pleasant. The bright white villas seemed almost to be the only objects of the eye, and the corners appeared; and the universal adjunct of a veranda or piazza in front, served to remind us that we were in a more sunny climate than dear, dull Old England, where such permanent objects are scarce, and the eye is often deceived here necessary. About noon, we cast anchor opposite Fort Macquarie, a neat stone building, with a few cannon planted around it. Close by the fort, lay a Scotch emigrant ship, her deck thronged with sailors, some of whom, of all ages, enlivened by the fearful din of some half-dozen bagpipers, who were all puffing, squeezing, and elbowing away with incomparable vigour, and the music of the bagpipes all seemed to be playing different airs, the melody produced was rather of a complex character. Behind, or rather to the right of Fort Macquarie, was Government House, a long low building, with a veranda, in which the sentinels were pacing to and fro; before it lay a fine green lawn, sloping towards, though not to, the water's edge (quays intervening), and to the right of the veranda, a fine garden, and the Colonial House, the English one in its early spring of yellow green being here and there overtopped by the grand and more sombre Norfolk Island pine. A few other good houses were in the neighbourhood, and the view of the bay, now be called, city, is built on the sides and at the head of a cove running at right angles with the stream in which we lay, which prevented the best parts from being observed, and in fact, the view of the bay, which is called "Wapping" about it by no means engaging. The opposite or north shore of Port Jackson, here about two miles across, is no greater a monotonous character. 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NEWS FROM THE INTERIOR.
(From our various Correspondents.)

PARRAMATTA.

PRESIDENT: The Warden, (G. Elliott, Esq.), Mrs. Anderson and Foster, and Messrs. Murray, Howison, and Pye.

The horses chosen by the Committee of the Council were reported effective, and ordered to be accepted.

Mr. HOWISON then brought under the notice of the Council a plan for the building of a drain at the bottom of Wolley's Hill on the north side of the Council's road, which had been damaged, and was not wide enough to carry off the great quantity of water which flooded down there during heavy rains; part of the present drain had fallen in, and the water, which had been kept from the falling of the road could not be continued until the drain was completed. An entirely new one would be required, as the present one could not be built upon, the bottom having given way.

Mr. MURRAY said, that before proceeding with this question, he would wish to have his mind set at ease on another point. He had been employed in work about the town; now he doubted much whether that Council had the power to apply the money received from the tolls, to repair the by-ways or repairs of Parramatta.

The WARDEN said, that the repairs done to the streets were proceeded with to get rid of the mud from the cut in the hill, which could never have been done but for the help of the townspeople.

Mr. HOWISON said, that the question mooted by Mr. Murray, did not arise on the present subject before the Council; whereas a question did arise, it would be time to propose that a great deal of labour had been bestowed on the by-roads, and he thought the Council had best consider whether it would be judicious to expend the money in any other way. The dam given out of the line of the high road; and he doubted whether the Council was right in so expending money on it.

Mr. MURRAY said, that the principle applied to the purchase of the Government Gazette: for by such expenditure the funds would be misapplied.

Mr. MURRAY was one of a deputation that was sent to receive the funds for the tolls collected at the tolls, and it was then expressly stated, that they were to be expended for no other purpose than to improve the highways.

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